House District 21 Representative

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PLACE OF BIRTH: New Jersey

SPOUSE'S NAME: Michael

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OCCUPATION: Civil and Environmental

Engineer

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 25 years

EDUCATION:

American Embassy School - New Delhi, India Hillsborough High School – New Jersey Rutgers University - Bioenvironmental Engineering University of Michigan - Master of Urban Planning

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Northeast Community Council Executive Board, Health and Human Services Commission, Stormwater Utility Commission, Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Commission, On-Site Water and Wastewater Technical Review Board

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Central Environmental, Inc. - A Bering Straits Native Corporation

M O A Solid Waste Services, Garness Engineering Group, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage Health Department

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Solid Waste Association of North America, Alaska Chapter – Vice President and Instructor Winterberry Parent Guild

Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School - XC Run & XC Ski Booster Clubs

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Harvesting local foods from Alaska's rivers, to mountains, and my backyard.

Cheering my kids at XC races. Fiber arts.

STATEMENT:

Like many, I reassessed my path during the pandemic. Working from home with my kids I adjusted my priorities. I stepped back from work, stepped up to homeschool my oldest, and stepped-up engagement in my community. Now, I am stepping up again to earn your vote to represent my neighbors from South Muldoon in the Legislature.

My career has built infrastructure throughout the state, and it is a critical time to have an experienced engineer in the Legislature as billions of federal dollars in support of Alaskan infrastructure is poised to be transformative. These dollars can build long-desired community projects such as a community hub with a permanent home for the Muldoon Library and public transportation, but more critically, address the number 1 type of project people come to the community council about — safe streets.

My engineering expertise is only part of what I'll bring to Juneau. I have experience in several areas: public health from working for health organizations; education from being an involved parent; and understanding what matters to my neighbors from community council work and 20+ years living in East Anchorage.

In addition to infrastructure development, I support; a long-term fiscal plan; children and educators; career training with development of problem-solving skills; sustainable local food; private healthcare decisions; upstream treatment for substance misuse, mental health, and physical health; full statutory PFD; and the Alaska Constitution.

My values are reflected in my work. I am here to make Alaska better for my family and yours.

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